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H.R. 1429 – IMPROVING THE HEAD START ACT OF 2007 (*Rep. Kildee – Education and Labor*) (*Subject to a Rule*)

Bill Text: [HTML Version](#), [PDF Version](#)

[Bill Summary and Status](#)

Rules Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 1 at 2:30pm in H-313, the Capitol,
[Summary of Amendments Submitted](#), [Amendment Process](#)

Committee: [Committee on Education and Labor](#)

Committee Staff Contact: 5-3725

LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE:

- Bipartisan legislation that authorizes an additional \$450 million dollars for 2008 to a maximum of \$7.3 billion, which would allow as many as 10,000 more children to receive Head Start;
- Improves Head Start's workforce quality by increasing funding for teacher and staff salaries and professional development, strengthening the training and technical assistance, and hiring additional qualified staff;
- Strengthens school readiness by re-evaluating and updating current standards and assessments based on the best science, suspending and terminating the badly flawed National Reporting System, and improving professional development related to supporting children's cognitive, social and emotional development;
- Boosts coordination by improving cooperation between Head Start and state and local child care programs to increase full-day and full-year services; improving linkages with Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, state

health, mental health, and family services; and assisting programs in aligning Head Start and state early learning standards;

- Allows programs to convert portions of their grant for use for Early Head Start, which serves children under three years old; and
- Increases accountability by devising a new system of application review that assesses program quality and leads to re-competition of low-quality centers; allowing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to more quickly strip bad programs of funding; and improving the triennial review process.

Committee Information:

[Committee Report](#): FY 2008 Bush Budget Report: Failing to Invest in Schools, Denying Critical Services to Disadvantaged Children, Allowing College Tuition to Soar...And More, February 2007
[Early Childhood Education](#), Committee Information

House Report 110-67:

[HTML Version](#), [PDF Version](#)

Committee Mark-up:

[Full Committee Markup: H.R. 1429 "Improving Head Start Act of 2007"](#), March 14, 2007

Opening Statement: [Vice Chairman Dale Kildee](#)

[National Journal Report](#)

Summary of Recorded Votes:

- [Rep. Price Amendment to the Davis Amendment](#) – Would have added language to make the establishment of standards for home visits (as would be established by the Davis amendment) occur only if no comparable state program exists. **Rejected 15-27: R 15-3; D 0-24.**
- [Rep. Davis Standards for Home Visits Amendment](#) – Established standards for training, qualifications and conduct of staff home visits in early Head Start programs. **Adopted by voice vote.** [Amendment Text.](#)
- [Rep. Fortuno Faith-Based Hiring Amendment](#)– Would have allowed faith-based Head Start providers to hire staff based on religious identity and use faith-based facilities. **Rejected 19-26: R 19-0; D 0-26.**
- [Rep. Souder Teacher Qualifications Amendment](#) – Would have made it a national goal, rather than a mandate, to have 50 percent of the Head Start national workforce hold a bachelor's or advanced degree by Sept. 13, 2013. **Rejected 4-39: R 4-13; D 0-26.**
- [Rep. Price State Pilot Programs Amendment](#) – Would have established a pilot program allowing up to eight states to coordinate state and federal early childhood development programs. **Rejected 18-27: R 18-1; D 0-26.**
- **Vote to Report:** Ordered Bill Reported Favorably to House, as Amended, by Recorded Vote of **42-1: R 16-1; D 26-0.** [Roll Call No. 5.](#)

CRS Reports:

[RL30952](#): Head Start: Background and Issues

[RL33968](#): Head Start Reauthorization: A Side-by-Side Comparison of H.R. 1429, S. 556, and Current Law

CBO Report:

[Cost Estimate](#): Ordered Reported by the House Committee on Education and Labor

GAO Reports:

(TBA)

Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education:

[Hearing](#): "Improving Head Start for America's Children", February 28, 2007

[Hearing Webcast](#)

[Opening Statement](#): [Chairman Kildee](#)

[Witness Testimony](#):

- [Ross A. Thompson, Ph.D.](#), Department of Psychology, University of California
- [Mac McKeever](#), Out-County Head Start Director, Genesee County Community Action Resource Dept.
- [Barbara Haxton](#), Executive Director, The Ohio Head Start Association
- [Pearlie Elloie](#), Director, Office for Children, Youth and Families Total Community Action, Inc.
- [Ellen Frede, Ph.D.](#), Co-Director, National Institute for Early Education Research

Organization Statements:

[National School Boards Association \(NSBA\)](#), April 6, 2007

[National Education Association's \(NEA\)](#)

[National Head Start Association](#)

[NAACP](#)

[Anti-Defamation League](#)

Faith-Based Organizations Opposing Efforts to Permit Religious Discrimination in Hiring:

African American Ministers in Action, [American Jewish Committee](#), American Jewish Congress, Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, Central Conference of American Rabbis, Church Women United, Clergy Strategic Alliances, [The Coalition Against Religious Discrimination \(CARD\)](#), Disciples Justice Action Network (Disciples of Christ), Episcopal Church, Equal Partners in Faith, Jewish Council for Public Affairs, National Council of Jewish Women, National Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA, Presbyterian Church (USA), Washington Office, Protestants for the Common Good, Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF), Texas Faith Network, The Interfaith Alliance/ Foundation, Union for Reform Judaism, Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, United Methodist Church, General Board of Church and Society, United Church of Christ Justice & Witness Ministries, Women of Reform Judaism, YWCA USA

Administration Position:

(TBA)

Fact Sheets & Talking Points:

[Head Start Participants, Programs, Families, and Staff in 2005](#), CLASP

[NHSA Supports Income Eligibility](#)

[Head Start Basics](#)

Press Releases & News Articles:

[Press Release](#) : Chairman Miller Statement At Full Committee Markup Of Improving Head Start Act Of 2007

[Press Release](#): Legislation to Improve Head Start Passes Education and Labor Committee: Committee Defeats Misguided Republican Amendment to Permit Religious Discrimination in Hiring, March 14, 2007

[Reps. Kildee, Castle and Miller Introduce Bipartisan Head Start Reauthorization](#) , March 9, 2007

[Importance of Early Childhood Education Emphasized By Witnesses at House Hearing on Head Start](#), February 28, 2007

Other Resources:

[Cosponsors of H.R. 1429](#)

Legislative History:

Attempts to reauthorize the Head Start program were made in both the 108th and 109th Congresses, but were unsuccessful. On September 22, 2005, the House of Representatives passed, H.R. 2123, the School Readiness Act of 2005 by roll call vote of 231–184. However, the Senate did not act on H.R. 2123.

H.R. 1867 – NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2007 (*Rep. Baird – Science and Technology*) (*Subject to a Rule*)

Bill Text: [HTML Version](#) , [PDF Version](#)

[Bill Summary and Status](#)

Rules Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 1 at 2:30pm in H-313, the Capitol, [Amendment Process](#)

Committee: [Committee on Science and Technology](#)

Committee Staff Contact: 5-6375

LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE:

- Reauthorizes the National Science Foundation (NSF) for three years and authorizes nearly \$21 billion for NSF for fiscal years 2008 – 2010 and keeps NSF on a 10-year doubling path;
- Authorizes appropriations for each of the major accounts: research and related activities, education and human resources, major research equipment and facilities construction, agency operations and award management, the National Science Board, and the Office of the Inspector General;
- Provides specific funding for critical science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education programs, including the Math and Science Partnerships program, the Noyce Scholarships program, and the STEM Talent Expansion program authorized under H.R. 362, as well as the Advanced Technological Education program, which supports STEM education and workforce training for 2-year college students;
- Provides specific funding for Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) and increases the cap for MRI awards to allow for support of a wider range of state-of-the-art research tools, while requiring cost-sharing by certain institutions;

- Requires an evaluation of NSF's role in supporting interdisciplinary research;
- Establishes a pilot program of one-year seed grants for new investigators to help improve funding rates for young investigators and stimulate higher-risk research;
- Encourages university/industry partnerships and cost-sharing by industry;
- Requires NSF-funded institutions to train covered individuals in the ethical conduct of research;
- Encourages the Director to continue funding certain STEM education grants, related to broadening participation or teacher professional development, that can continue to demonstrate success beyond the original grant expiration date; and
- Requires a National Academy of Sciences report on barriers to and strategies for increasing the participation of underrepresented minorities in STEM fields.

Committee Documents:

[Legislative Highlights](#): The National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2007, April 17, 2007

House Report 110-114:

[HTML Version](#); PDF Version

Subcommittee on Research & Science Education Subcommittee Markup:

[Research & Science Education Subcommittee Markup](#), April 19, 2007

[National Journal Report](#)

Summary of Amendments Adopted:

- [Rep. Johnson Allocation Plan Amendment](#) – Requires the NSF director to report how NSF allocates its education funds in the same fashion that it now reports how its research funds are distributed. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- [Rep. Johnson Report Amendment](#) – Requires the NSF and the National Academy of Sciences to report on barriers to increasing the number of minorities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields and to identify strategies for bringing more minorities into those fields. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- [Rep. Hooley Undergraduate Research Funding Amendment](#) – Requires NSF make funds available for undergraduate education in science research. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- **Vote to Report:** Ordered Bill Reported Favorably to Full Committee, as Amended, by **Voice Vote.**

Full Committee Mark-up:

[Full Committee Markup: H.R. 1867](#), April 25, 2007

[National Journal Report](#)

Opening Statement: [Chairman Bart Gordon](#)

Summary of Amendments Adopted:

- [Rep. Baird Manager's Amendment](#)– Contains clarifying changes as well as the following: adds permission in Sec. 3 for a waiver of cost-sharing on MRI grants for consortia of institutions that include at least one undergraduate institution; adds eligibility for Centers in Sec. 4 for certain nonprofit organizations; allows the Director to award up to three Waterman Awards per year; and clarifies charge to National Academy of Sciences in Sec. 18 report on minorities in STEM fields. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- [Rep. Hall Award Limit Amendment](#)– Sets the cap on MRI awards under Sec. 3(d) at \$4 million, or \$6 million if the total MRI program budget exceeds \$125 million. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- [Rep. Gingrey REU Funding Amendment](#)– Strikes the specific allocation in Sec. 3 for Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program, instead requiring increases for REU in proportion to the total research budget. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- **Vote to Report:** Ordered Bill Reported Favorably to House, as Amended, by **Voice Vote.**

CBO Report:

[CBO Cost Estimate](#): Ordered Reported by the House Committee on Science and Technology

CRS Report:

(TBA)

Subcommittee on Research and Science Education Hearings:

[National Science Foundation Reauthorization](#), Part 1, March 20, 2007

[Hearing Charter](#)

Opening Statement: [Chairman Brian Baird](#)

Witness Statements:

- [Dr. Arden L. Bement](#)
- [Dr. Steven C. Beering](#)

[Reauthorizing the National Science Foundation](#), Part 2, March 29, 2007

[Hearing Charter](#)

Opening Statement: [Chairman Brian Baird](#)

Witness Statements:

- [Dr. Phyllis Wise](#)
- [Dr. Catherine Hunt](#)
- [Dr. Carlos Meriles](#)
- [Dr. Jeffrey Welser](#)
- [Dr. Margaret L. Ford](#)

Organization Statements:

H.R. 1867 has been endorsed by: the Association of American Universities, The National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, the Tapping America's Potential Coalition, the Computing Research Association, and the National Defense Industrial Association.

Statement of Administration Policy:

(TBA)

Fact Sheets & Talking Points:

(TBA)

Press Releases & News Articles:

[Committee Reports Bills to Reauthorize NIST, NSF Giving Priority to Innovation](#), April 25, 2007

[Congressman Baird, Subcommittee Examine Priorities for National Science Foundation](#), March 20, 2007

[Subcommittee Examines How to Increase Students' Interest in Math & Science, Prepare for 21st Century Economy](#), March 29, 2007

Other Resources:

[Cosponsors of HR 1867](#)

Legislative History:

No Relevant Legislative History

[H.R. 1868 – TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION AND MANUFACTURING STIMULATION ACT OF 2007](#) *(Rep. Wu – Science and Technology) (Subject to a Rule)*

Bill Text: [HTML Version](#), [PDF Version](#)

[Bill Summary and Status](#)

Rules Committee Meeting: Tuesday, May 1 at 2:30pm in H-313, the Capitol,

[Summary of Amendments Submitted](#), [Amendment Process](#)

Committee: [Committee on Science and Technology](#)

Committee Staff Contact: 5-6375

LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE:

- Authorizes \$2.5 billion for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) for fiscal years 2008-2010;
- Authorizes appropriations for each of the major programs: scientific and technical research and services (the NIST labs), construction and maintenance, the Baldrige National Quality Award Program, the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), and the Technology Innovation Program (TIP) which is established in the bill;
- Establishes a reporting requirement for the NIST Director of a 3-year programmatic planning document and yearly updates, due with the budget submission, that will be commented on by the Visiting Committee of external industry experts;

- Establishes an MEP advisory board that will comment on the 3-year programmatic planning document and give external advice on the MEP program;
- Authorizes MEP to accept funds from other agencies and private sources;
- Creates the Manufacturing Extension Center Competitive Grant Program for MEP Centers to conduct research into manufacturing problems;
- Establishes the Technology Innovation Program (TIP) to award cost-shared grants to small- and medium-companies and joint ventures of companies, universities and other organizations to pursue high-risk, high-reward technology development with potential broad benefits to the economy;
- Establishes a TIP advisory board that will comment on the 3-year programmatic planning document and give external advice on the TIP program;
- Creates a set of manufacturing research fellowships at NIST and a Collaborative Manufacturing Research Pilot Grant program for industry/non-industry collaborations to pursue manufacturing research.

Committee Documents:

[Legislative Highlights](#): Technology Innovation and Manufacturing Stimulation Act of 2007, April 17, 2007

[HR 1868 Summary](#)

[HR 1868 Section-by-Section Summary](#)

House Report 110-115:

[HTML Version](#), [PDF Version](#)

Technology & Innovation Subcommittee Mark-up:

[Technology & Innovation Subcommittee Markup](#), April 19, 2007

- **Vote to Report:** Ordered Bill Reported Favorably, as amended, to Full Committee, by **Voice Vote**.

Full Committee Mark-up:

[Full Committee Markup: H.R. 1868](#), April 25, 2007

[National Journal Report](#)

Opening Statement: [Chairman Bart Gordon](#)

- **Vote to Report:** Ordered Bill Reported Favorably, as amended, to House, by **Voice Vote**.

CBO Report:

[CBO Cost Estimate](#): Ordered Reported by the House Committee on Science and Technology

CRS Report:

(TBA)

Committee Hearings:

[The National Institute of Standards and Technology's Role in Supporting Economic Competitiveness in the 21st Century](#), February 15, 2007

[Hearing Charter](#)

Opening Statement: [Chairman Wu](#)

Witness Statements:

- [Dr. William Jeffrey](#)
- [Dr. Stan Williams](#)
- [Peter Murray](#)
- [Michael Borrus](#)
- [Mike Ryan](#)

Organization Statements:

[List of Endorsements by Organizations, Companies & Individuals \(as of April 27, 2007\)](#)

Individual Support Letters:

[American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers \(ASHRAE\)](#)

[Association of American Universities \(AAU\)](#)

[National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges \(NASULGC\)](#)

[Alliance for Science & Technology Research in America \(ASTRA\)](#)

[American Small Manufacturers Coalition \(ASMC\)](#)

[American Society of Mechanical Engineers \(ASME\)](#)

[National Institute of Standards and Technology \(NIST\) Task Force](#)

Administration Position:

(TBA)

Fact Sheets & Talking Points:

(TBA)

Press Releases & News Articles:

[Subcommittee Clears First Comprehensive NIST Authorization in 15 Years](#)

[Wu Spearheads Look into NIST Budget, U.S. Competitiveness](#)

Other Resources:

[Cosponsors of HR 1868](#)

Legislative History:

No Relevant Legislative History

H.R. 1592 – LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT HATE CRIMES PREVENTION ACT OF 2007 (Rep. Conyers – Judiciary)

Bill Text: [HTML Version](#), [PDF Version](#)

[Bill Summary and Status](#)

Rules Committee Meeting: Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 2:30pm in H-313, the Capitol

Committee: [Committee on the Judiciary](#)

Committee Staff Contact: 5-3951

LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE:

- Protecting all Americans. HR 1592 would also broaden federal coverage of hate crimes under two scenarios. First, under any circumstance, it would prohibit willfully inflicting bodily injury to any person, attempted or otherwise, through the use of fire, a firearm, explosive, or incendiary device, if such conduct were motivated on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, religion, or national origin of any person. Second, it would prohibit the same conduct, if such conduct were motivated on the basis of the victim's gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability, in addition to the four characteristics enumerated under the first scenario. The reach of the second offense would be limited to specific jurisdictional ties to the interstate Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution, which were outlined in the bill.
- Equipping Local Law Enforcement. To assist state, local, or tribal officials with the expenses related to hate crime cases, the bill would authorize the Attorney General to establish a grant program. In implementing this grant program, the bill would direct the Office of Justice Programs to (1) work closely with funded jurisdictions to ensure that the needs of all interested parties were met; and (2) award grants to programs aimed at combating hate crime committed by juvenile offenders. The bill would also set forth certain parameters for the grant application process and would authorize appropriations of \$5 million for FY2006 and FY2007. It would also authorize appropriations for DOJ to hire additional staff to respond to alleged violations of the hate crime provisions described below.
- Requirements for Federal Prosecution. For hate crime cases prosecuted federally under these provisions, it would require the Attorney General, or his subordinate, to certify that pertinent state or local officials (1) were unable or unwilling to prosecute; (2) favored federal prosecution; or (3) prosecuted, but the investigation or trial's results did not satisfy the federal interest to combat hate crimes.
- Statistics. HR 1592 would amend the HCSA to require that the FBI collect statistics on gender- and gender identity-related bias crimes, as well as juvenile victims and offenders. Under current law, such statistics are collected on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, and disability.

House Report 110-113:
[HTML Version](#), [PDF Version](#)

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Mark-up:
[Markup of: H.R. 1592](#), the "Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007", April 24, 2007

- **Vote to Report:** Ordered Bill Reported Favorably to Full Committee, by **Voice Vote.**

Full Committee Mark-up:
[Full Committee Markup:](#) Meeting to Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Chairman to Subpoena Monica Goodling and Markup of: H.R. 1592, H.R. 692, and H.Res. 314, April 25, 2007
[National Journal Report](#)
[Video Webcast](#)
[Transcript of Meeting and Markup](#)

Summary of Recorded Votes:

- Rep. Jordan Unborn Child Protection Amendment – Would have added category of “unborn child under circumstances where the crime is also a crime under section 1531” (partial birth abortion ban). **Ruled non-germane, challenge to ruling of the Chair Rejected 17–21.**
- Rep. Gohmert Random Selection of Victims–Would have added category “if victim was randomly selected or was a victim by chance.” **Ruled non-germane.**
- Rep. Gohmert Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Amendment – Would have Struck Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity from the bill. **Rejected 13-18.**
- Rep. Forbes Armed Forces Protection Amendment–Would have added category of “status as a member of the armed forces.” **Rejected 12-16.**
- Rep. Feeny Conditions of Hate Crimes Amendment–Would have Struck Commerce Clause language and substitute for “substantially affect interstate or foreign commerce. **Rejected 12-19**
- Rep. Pence Religious Freedom Amendment– Would have added additional language that bill does not affect religious freedom. **Rejected 15-20.**
- Rep. Goodlatte Senior Citizen Inclusion Amendment–Would have added category of senior citizen. **Rejected 12-16.**
- Rep. Goodlatte Pregnant Women Inclusion Amendment–Would have added category of status as a pregnant woman. **Rejected 15-16.**
- Rep. Chabot Witness Protection Amendment–Would have added category of witness in a judicial proceeding. **Rejected 15-20.**
- Rep. Chabot Victims of a Prior Crimes Amendment–Would have added a category of victim of a prior crime. **Rejected 15-20.**
- Rep. Issa Unborn Children Amendment–Would have clarified Act does not include unborn children in definition of person or victim. **Rejected 0-33.**
- Rep. Gohmert Religious Expression Protection Amendment–Would have added further religious protection language and use of evidence to specifically relating to the offense. **Rejected 16-20.**
- Rep. Forbes Child Protection Amendment–Would have added category of a child under age 18. **Rejected 16-21.**
- Rep. King Change "Gender" to "Sex" Amendment Strike “gender” and replace with “sex” – Would have struck gender identity definition and the amendment to the HCSA that would require FBI to collect data on gender and gender identity hate crimes. **Rejected 15-20.**
- Rep. King Change Bill Title Amendment–Would have changed the name of bill to “Local Law Enforcement Thought Crimes Prevention Act.” **Rejected 13-21.**

- **Vote to Report:** Ordered Bill Reported Favorably to the House, as amended, by the Yeas and Nays, **20–14**.

CRS Report:

[RL32850](#), Hate Crimes: Legal Issues

[RL33403](#), Hate Crime Legislation

CBO Report:

[Cost Estimate](#): Ordered Reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary

GAO Reports:

(TBA)

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security Hearing:

[Legislative Hearing on H.R. 1592](#), the "Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2007", April 17, 2007

Witness Testimony:

- [Brad W. Dacus](#), President Pacific Justice Institute
- [Frederick M. Lawrence](#), Dean The George Washington University Law School
- [Timothy Lynch](#), Director Project on Criminal Justice Cato Institute
- [Jack McDevitt](#), Associate Dean Northeastern University
- [David Ritcheson](#), Harris County, Texas
- [Honorable Mark L. Shurtleff](#), Attorney General of the State of Utah

Organization Statements:

[List of organizations that have supported the bill.](#)

Individual Support Letters:

[American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee](#)

[American Civil Liberties Union \(ACLU\)](#)

[Anti-Defamation League](#)

[Asian American Justice Center](#)

[Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network](#)

[Gender Public Advocacy Coalition](#)

[Human Rights Campaign](#)

[Interfaith Alliance](#)

[International Association of Chiefs of Police](#)

[Japanese American Citizens League](#)

[Jewish Council for Public Affairs](#)

[Leadership Conference on Civil Rights](#)

[Major Cities Chiefs Association](#)

[Matthew Shepard Foundation](#)

[NAACP](#)

[National Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Centers](#)

[National Center for Transgender Equality](#)

[National Council of Jewish Women](#)

[National Partnership for Women & Families](#)

[Organization of Chinese Americans](#)

[Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays](#)

[People For the American Way](#)

[Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund \(SALDEF\)](#)

[Union of Reform Judaism](#)

[Unitarian Universalist Association](#)

Administration Position:

(TBA)

Fact Sheets & Talking Points:

[Hate Crimes Talking Points, Human Rights Campaign](#)

[Questions and Answers- The Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act](#)

[Hate Crimes Memo, Human Rights Campaign](#)

[HRC LLEHCPA One-Pager](#)

[HRC Frequently Asked Questions about the LLEHCPA](#)

[HRC First Amendment Concerns One-Pager](#)

[Top 50 Cities Hate Crime Reporting, 1992-2005](#)

Press Releases & News Articles:

[House Judiciary Committee Passes Federal Hate Crimes Bill](#), April 25, 2007

[House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers Introduces Federal Hate Crime Bill](#), March 21, 2007

Other Resources:

[Cosponsors of H.R. 1592](#)

Legislative History:

On September 14, 2005, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 2662, the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2005 by a vote of 223 to 199. The bill was passed as an amendment, offered by Representative John Conyers to H.R. 3132, the Children's Safety Act of 2005, which would have strengthened the monitoring of, and increase the penalties for child sex offenders. Although Senator Kennedy had introduced a comparable proposal in the Senate (S. 1145), no further legislative action occurred in 109th Congress.

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